

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGES SELECTED UNDER PROVISION OF URBAN AMENITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified and selected any villages/circles for implementing Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount of money sanctioned for each village/circle and the time limit fixed to achieve the target, state-wise; and

(d) the details of amenities likely to be provided to these villages/circles along with the likely date of their becoming operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 199 to be answered on 5.8.2005

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Planning Commission has decided to initially launch a pilot phase for the implementation of the Scheme Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA). Under the pilot phase, 7 facilities namely power, telecom, road and transportation, health, education, water supply and marketing are envisaged to be provided in the selected clusters. The pilot phase is being launched in Seven States with one cluster in each state comprising 10 - 15 villages. The pilot phase is likely to be completed in two to three years time with an estimated cost of Rs.4 to 5 crore per cluster. In the initial phase the scheme is to provide physical connectivity in the selected clusters. The details of the States, districts and clusters selected for the implementation of the scheme in pilot phase, along with the position of funds released are given below:

S.No. State District Cluster Selected Amount Released (Rs. crore)

1	Andhra Pradesh	Annantpur	RayaDurg	1.5
2	Assam	Sonitpur	Gohpur	1.5
3	Bihar	Muzzafarpur	Moti pur	1.5
4	Maharashtra	Hingoli	Basmath	1.0
5	Orissa	Jagat Singhpur	Kujanga	1.5
6	Rajasthan	Bhilwara	Shahpura	1.5
7	Uttar Pradesh	Etawah	Bharthana	1.5